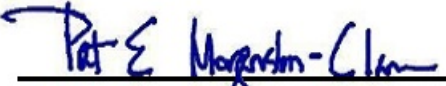


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IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: November 10, 2014




Pat E. Morgenstern-Clarren
Chief Bankruptcy Judge

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO**

In re:)
) Case No.: 10-50494
FAIR FINANCE COMPANY,)
) Chapter 7
Debtor.)
) Chief Judge Pat E. Morgenstern-Clarren

**ORDER GRANTING THE FIRST INTERIM FEE APPLICATION FILED BY
SKODA MINOTTI & CO.**

This matter came before the Court on the *First Fee Application for Allowance of Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses from the Period September 1, 2013 Through and Including August 31, 2014, Filed by Skoda Minotti as Consulting and Testifying Expert for the Estate* [Dkt. No. 1527] and the *Cover Sheet and Certifications for the First Fee Application for Allowance of Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses from the Period September 1, 2013 Through and Including August 31, 2014, Filed by Skoda Minotti as Consulting and Testifying Expert for the Estate* [Dkt. No. 1595] (together, the “**Application**”). The relief sought in the Application is sought pursuant to (i) 11 U.S.C. §§ 330 and 331, (ii) Rule 2016 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, (iii) Rule 2016-1 of the Local Bankruptcy Rules, (iv) the Court’s Guidelines for Compensation and Expense Reimbursement of Professionals, and (v) the Guidelines for Reviewing

Applications for Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses Filed under 11 U.S.C. § 330, adopted by the Executive Office for United States Trustees.

The Court has considered the Application and the representations of Howard L. Klein, the Trustee and counsel for the Trustee at the November 6, 2014 hearing conducted by the Court on the Application. After due deliberation, the Court finds as follows:

A. The Court has jurisdiction to consider this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334. This is a core proceeding under 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2), and venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409. This Court has the authority to decide this Application pursuant to Sections 327, 328, 330 and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code and Rules 2014 and 2016 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure.

B. Adequate and proper notice of the Application was given, and no other or further notice is necessary.

C. Skoda, Minotti & Co. is authorized, by an order of this Court dated September 10, 2013 [Dkt. No. 1313], to serve as a consulting and testifying expert for the estate. Skoda Minotti provided services as a consulting and testifying expert for the estate during the period from September 1, 2013 through and including August 31, 2014 (the “**Application Period**”).

D. In the Application, Skoda Minotti requested approval of fees in the amount of \$298,941.75, and expenses in the amount of \$156.93, all of which were incurred during the Application Period.

E. In accordance with this Court’s order dated August 12, 2013 [Dkt. No. 1302] (the “**Expert Compensation Order**”), Skoda Minotti received interim payments for the fees it incurred during the Application Period. To date, Skoda Minotti has received payment for 80% of the fees (\$239,153.40) and 100% of the expenses (\$156.93) it incurred during the Application Period.

F. The relief requested in the Application is in the best interest of the Debtor, its estate, its creditors and other parties-in-interest. The Court finds that the fees and expenses requested by

Skoda Minotti are reasonable and necessary and comply with the Bankruptcy Code and the United States Trustee's Guidelines for Reviewing Applications for Compensation.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The Application is granted on an interim basis and subject to final review by this Court.
2. The fees requested in the Application are approved and allowed for payment.
3. The expenses requested in the Application are approved and allowed for payment.
4. The Trustee is authorized and directed to pay Skoda Minotti the amount of **\$59,788.35**, representing the total amount sought in the Application for fees and expenses incurred by Skoda Minotti during the Application Period, *less* amounts that have already been paid by the estate in accordance with the Expert Compensation Order.
5. This Order is without prejudice to the Trustee's ability to obtain future services from Skoda Minotti as needed.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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